

I must make you an extract from a letter  
I have just received from an Am. Minister,  
not I think an Abolitionist. —

"Abolitionists have unspared it (slavery)  
without weakening it, still I believe it is  
a doomed institution, & when it falls, as  
it must before the spirit of the age, &  
the power of the word, I doubt not  
the name of Wm Lloyd Garrison will  
be the greatest name of this country

went to Washington himself, gave over-  
sighting the Clay, Webster & Everett  
of a temporary policy & necessity."

I rejoice to receive such a testimony  
from your country; I have  
written to him that I fully agree  
with him in his appreciation of  
Mr G. — This is to your order. —  
A.C.

My dear Mrs Chapman

Bristol Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1846.

I wish that I could find time or language to express to you a small part of the many thoughts which have been crowding on me during the last few months, supposing that you had time & inclination to read them; - yet I cannot refrain from saying a few words to you. Some years ago our beloved Dr. Lushman spent a few weeks with us, & seeming to embody in himself the very spirit of Christian love, & to shed around him an atmosphere of harmony & charity, he gave a definiteness & force in the minds of others to feelings & ideas before existing, but not yet called into action; - to his visit may be attributed the movement which has since taken place in England in carrying the Gospel to the forsaken & outcasts of our own community. I feel his spirit still encouraging & stimulating me, & I doubt not do many others. So I ~~doubt not~~ <sup>believe</sup> will it be with Mr Garrison's visit. It will have done more to give a true understanding of the question to our nation, & have excited many to a degree of earnest zeal to help in the cause, with a feeling that they can help, which perhaps no other individual, & certainly no pamphlet & newspapers could have done. But do not anticipate a speedy result of good. Though many feel as we do with regard to Mr Garrison, yet some will have been repelled from the subject by his visit; & a very large number, while hating slavery, will have been repelled from the Abolitionists by his language on many occasions, & by his entering on subjects which they think quite foreign to Slavery, & on which they consider that he holds very injurious views. There is perhaps no one with whom I have conversed on

the subject, who has not much regretted his language on some occasions;—not his strong denunciations of the horrors of slavery, or his forcible unweilding hyperbole, but the expressions which he has used in doing so, which would give, & did give to people in general, & especially to those who were beginning to find fault, impressions very different from what Mr G. wished to convey. — I know that you & Mr Garrison have so strong a love of freedom, & I hope have so much confidence in my earnest & deep love of the cause & sympathy with you who have so devoted yourselves to it, that I need not fear being misunderstood in saying this, which I believe to be the general feeling.

The agitation of this question of slavery will I believe be the means under the divine blessing, of awakening a spirit of freedom throughout Christendom;—of bringing the spirit of Christ to influence the ordinary affairs of life, & of making his teachings the real guide of our actions, <sup>where</sup> ~~where~~ it has never before been the case. I believe that ity only will effect the real overthrow of slavery, & that until the churches can be awakened to this, little can be done. What have we effected by our ships of war in putting down the slave trade? D'Almeida did more than I think any one has done in showing the bearing of ity on great moral & political questions;—but when have the prophets spoken & been heard?—But his spirit still breathes in his writings, & will, as it has done awaken many. — I have myself seen a new force & truth, & energy in many of the discourses of our Saviour, since my mind has been dwelling much on this subject. How divine

must they be thus to open & expand as the mind opens  
to receive them! - Where is the Spirit of St. there is  
freedom, & where there is not freedom, it does not appear  
to me that there can be the Spirit of Christ. Where  
men shut themselves in, & shut others out, from the  
fold of St by a a theory & stubborn tudge of creeds & articles,  
they cannot know what true freedom is. This has been  
clearly demonstrated by the Evangelical Alliance, & by  
the sects & schisms. It is well that it should be thus clearly  
shown. There are many, very many, who, holding their  
creeds & articles to be gospel truths, yet are free, & allow  
others to be so, but generally speaking, I think that  
W. G. has found in England, as elsewhere, that those  
who are the most liberal in their religious feelings,  
have been the most ready & earnest in their willingness  
to surrender. In England the towns, all I know of at least  
where he has been, but received with the most warmth,  
have been those where the Unitarians have come forward  
zealously, e.g. Bristol, Bridgewater & Exeter; - in Bristol  
not one of the large body of Church of England clergymen  
did so much as come on the platform at any of the  
meetings, not even when the Mayor presided. - But at  
other sects have joined, though chiefly the Quakers & Unitarians.  
& it has been shown that there is common ground where  
we may join hands together. Now again is a great step  
taken towards universal brotherhood in Christ. Shut  
out as we Unitarians have been, even from Bible Society  
& educational movements, we rejoice to join in any way

with our brethren in Civil Disobedience happy when men  
of opinions can be regarded as no obstacles to fellowship in a  
cause which we must regard as that of God. - It was delight-  
ful to feel this in listening to Gen. Thompson & to Ellen  
Burwell, both of whom would be regarded as "orthodox"; I  
yet who showed that there is a common Christianity.  
There is as yet darkness over the earth, but there are  
many openings through which we can discern the light  
of heaven which is diffusing itself more & more.

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I have partly forgotten how I felt in all the  
excitement of these days, but I am  
sure that I shall never forget them - from  
Mary Carpenter

each one of us strive to hasten its spread. But I  
conclude, though it seems to me as if, the more I write  
more I wish to write. If in future I should ever write any  
thing that you think it would be useful to introduce into  
your papers, you are at liberty to do so, but with my initials,  
M. C. only. - Farewell, once more, my dear Mrs. Chapman -  
sympathy in a great cause is a strong bond of union. It seems